
Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Statistical Report

for Injury Years 1998 – 2007

This report summarizes information reported to the court by employers and insurers for work-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar years 1998 through 2007, regardless of the year in which the reports were filed. The data includes information reported through April 30, 2008 and is compiled in the tables described below in accordance with the year in which the injury occurred.

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Table 1 — Injuries Reported by Gender										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	18,131	18,223	19,839	20,140	20,737	20,891	22,311	24,410	24,513	24,318
Male	26,538	26,824	29,483	31,720	31,306	32,666	36,664	40,056	40,406	42,044
Unreported	3,924	2,736	2,269	461	1,822	4,633	4,160	2,756	2,091	983
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

Table 2 — Injuries Reported by Age										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
17 Years & Under	603	559	624	632	662	800	908	1,192	1,170	1,118
18-19 Years	1,452	1,590	1,738	1,741	1,822	1,861	2,198	2,765	2,627	2,648
20-29 Years	11,731	11,959	12,840	13,152	13,399	14,433	15,490	17,285	17,180	17,130
30-39 Years	10,319	10,144	11,225	11,622	12,431	13,706	15,234	16,935	17,387	17,517
40-49 Years	11,511	11,531	12,685	13,131	13,586	13,990	14,918	15,507	14,839	14,537
50-59 Years	9,486	9,015	9,420	8,910	8,841	8,633	8,732	8,620	8,438	7,784
60-69 Years	2,934	2,517	2,610	2,620	2,627	2,360	2,393	2,341	2,244	2,133
70+ Years	539	454	440	471	461	482	435	426	380	352
Unreported	18	14	9	42	36	1,925	2,827	2,151	2,745	4,126
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

Table 3 — Injuries Reported by Part of Body*										
	Year of Injury									
	2,007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Back	6,505	6,417	7,287	7,523	8,067	9,146	9,733	9,900	9,044	8,370
Body As A Whole	18	23	17	22	36	24	1	1	0	0
Head	5,141	5,212	5,659	5,718	5,890	6,525	7,148	7,783	7,348	7,821
Knee	3,606	3,340	3,486	3,526	3,636	3,731	3,967	4,063	3,920	3,743
Lower Extremities	5,424	5,395	5,804	5,775	5,859	6,208	6,722	7,296	7,359	7,120
Multiple Body Parts	5,650	4,765	5,161	4,827	4,860	5,144	6,083	6,206	7,012	7,709
Neck	1,039	1,171	1,067	904	878	1,058	1,134	963	990	812
Trunk	2,366	2,256	2,624	2,824	2,690	2,838	3,039	3,761	4,480	4,984
Upper Extremities	16,579	16,928	18,079	18,584	19,273	20,612	22,143	23,846	23,584	23,583
Wrist	2,265	2,276	2,407	2,618	2,676	2,904	3,165	3,403	3,273	3,203
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

* Classified according to the Detailed Claim Information format of the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Table 4 — Injuries Reported by Cause of Injury*										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Burn/Scald-Heat/Cold Exposure	1,682	1,805	2,101	2,020	1,867	2,320	2,946	3,088	2,864	2,978
Caught In Or Inbetween	1,989	2,098	2,334	2,274	2,417	2,421	2,732	2,872	2,528	2,521
Fall Or Slip Injury	10,800	8,212	9,617	9,417	9,731	9,228	11,567	10,555	10,841	10,361
Injured By Cut, Puncture Or Scrape	5,780	5,975	6,010	5,869	5,866	6,515	7,086	8,834	9,769	10,168
Motor Vehicle	1,070	992	1,178	1,169	1,099	1,194	1,237	1,192	1,231	1,231
Rubbed Or Abraded	231	189	229	241	218	242	211	237	152	154
Strain	13,603	14,665	15,015	15,764	16,282	18,533	19,089	20,859	20,947	20,307
Striking Against Or Stepping On	2,138	2,350	3,043	3,189	3,386	3,580	3,759	3,429	2,769	2,754
Struck	6,301	6,390	6,846	6,967	7,098	7,722	7,541	8,283	8,302	8,227
Miscellaneous Causes	4,999	5,107	5,218	5,411	5,901	6,435	6,967	7,873	7,607	8,644
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

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Table 5 — Injuries Reported by Nature of Injury*										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Amputation	104	111	117	117	129	144	155	189	145	142
Bruise Or Swelling	8,296	8,481	9,127	9,087	9,555	9,762	10,843	11,032	9,855	7,876
Burn Or Exposure	1,398	1,399	1,495	1,537	1,525	1,785	1,909	2,089	2,180	2,440
Cut Or Abrasion	10,031	10,442	11,545	11,591	11,986	13,185	14,188	15,628	15,832	16,223
Fracture	1,974	1,815	1,860	1,924	1,961	1,941	2,189	2,267	2,155	2,128
Multiple Injuries	1,163	908	872	951	787	831	1,023	1,316	1,974	2,570
Occupational Disease	361	391	418	466	481	504	550	632	535	526
Repetitive Motion	824	945	950	1,192	1,179	1,240	1,217	1,328	1,052	837
Sprain Or Rupture	18,088	17,501	19,309	20,118	20,367	22,602	24,351	23,586	21,853	20,409
All Other Claims, NOC	6,354	5,790	5,898	5,338	5,895	6,196	6,710	9,155	11,429	14,194
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

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Table 6 — Injuries Reported by Industry*										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Accommodation & Food Services	2,326	2,233	2,312	2,476	2,758	3,161	3,222	3,771	3,858	3,695
Administrative & Support, Waste Management, & Remediation Services	1,860	1,909	1,877	1,869	2,679	2,779	2,290	2,824	2,941	2,512
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	903	836	895	1,148	1,096	1,221	1,297	1,551	1,322	1,188
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	147	174	189	367	238	161	144	158	123	130
Construction	2,864	2,865	3,282	3,455	3,756	4,056	4,466	5,183	5,379	5,775
Educational Services	3,253	2,703	2,692	2,800	2,826	2,812	3,119	2,909	3,494	3,687
Finance & Insurance	702	578	717	616	629	750	1,201	1,624	966	786
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,569	4,514	4,445	5,334	7,013	6,749	6,558	6,911	7,901	7,675
Information	827	772	946	1,022	863	767	684	750	1,582	1,775
Company & Enterprise Management	614	695	907	762	249	133	130	93	76	95
Manufacturing	8,932	9,248	9,789	9,956	10,443	12,167	14,600	16,928	16,851	18,299
Mining	106	82	89	161	163	149	160	157	100	110
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	1,392	1,854	1,949	1,367	1,017	1,584	1,836	1,523	876	864
Public Administration	4,297	4,068	4,559	5,478	5,740	6,011	6,009	5,082	3,144	2,602
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	447	386	350	353	366	379	415	496	486	462
Retail Trade	4,665	4,917	5,064	4,596	4,963	4,952	5,314	5,941	6,137	6,133
Transportation & Warehousing	4,047	3,824	4,380	4,174	4,112	4,775	5,304	5,234	5,327	4,918
Utilities	564	549	553	463	503	542	543	597	753	831
Wholesale Trade	2,637	2,340	2,463	2,534	2,895	3,183	3,546	4,110	4,425	4,632
Other Services	1,041	930	997	1,288	1,414	1,379	1,568	1,172	1,071	1,158
Unknown	1,400	2,306	3,136	2,102	142	480	729	208	198	18
Total	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345

* Classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes published by the Office of Management & Budget.

Table 7 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$892,519.95	\$1,541,734.24	\$1,937,262.09	\$1,648,015.11	\$1,898,195.54	\$1,883,186.96	\$1,865,312.56	\$2,006,023.43	\$1,889,602.71	\$1,774,962.69
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	951	1,332	1,724	1,612	1,497	1,568	1,568	1,633	1,600	1,541
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$938.51	\$1,157.46	\$1,123.70	\$1,022.34	\$1,268.00	\$1,201.01	\$1,189.61	\$1,228.43	\$1,181.00	\$1,151.83
Temporary Total										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$11,694,507.33	\$18,475,021.98	\$23,121,430.29	\$25,098,711.71	\$28,364,048.44	\$32,089,223.02	\$36,513,528.18	\$33,032,216.89	\$29,561,010.71	\$26,462,430.68
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	4,869	5,273	5,868	5,960	6,082	6,472	6,718	6,627	6,600	6,656
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,401.83	\$3,503.70	\$3,940.26	\$4,211.19	\$4,663.61	\$4,958.16	\$5,435.18	\$4,984.49	\$4,478.94	\$3,975.73
Permanent Partial Scheduled										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,358,386.11	\$11,102,003.05	\$15,633,895.93	\$17,061,774.56	\$17,120,831.80	\$17,812,362.84	\$18,636,039.12	\$18,186,483.61	\$17,115,576.57	\$14,526,793.44
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	673	1,746	2,191	2,279	2,353	2,465	2,549	2,353	2,172	2,076
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$4,990.17	\$6,358.54	\$7,135.51	\$7,486.52	\$7,276.17	\$7,226.11	\$7,311.12	\$7,729.06	\$7,880.10	\$6,997.49
Permanent Partial Unscheduled										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$441,932.81	\$2,037,669.20	\$3,167,699.29	\$4,690,878.32	\$6,703,739.02	\$7,819,854.19	\$7,908,550.37	\$15,254,656.58	\$7,382,848.14	\$6,320,627.18
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	97	324	464	560	739	841	872	940	955	850
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$4,556.01	\$6,289.10	\$6,826.94	\$8,376.57	\$9,071.37	\$9,298.28	\$9,069.44	\$16,228.36	\$7,730.73	\$7,436.03
Permanent Total										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$43,458.88	\$70,514.50	\$168,074.38	\$473,814.68	\$750,293.36	\$1,050,641.20	\$755,709.86	\$1,760,340.67	\$1,233,452.52	\$1,511,160.37
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	7	14	20	34	53	47	35	37	20	29
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$6,208.41	\$5,036.75	\$8,403.72	\$13,935.73	\$14,156.48	\$22,354.07	\$21,591.71	\$47,576.77	\$61,672.63	\$52,108.98
Medical										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$72,828,996.80	\$111,474,790.33	\$119,889,160.92	\$131,135,197.24	\$130,191,975.22	\$128,292,785.06	\$118,250,104.35	\$115,257,984.61	\$98,621,566.88	\$89,039,106.21
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	29,156	31,858	32,901	33,004	33,288	33,843	33,359	35,587	36,524	38,432
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,497.91	\$3,499.11	\$3,643.94	\$3,973.31	\$3,911.08	\$3,790.82	\$3,544.77	\$3,238.77	\$2,700.19	\$2,316.80
Death										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$221,881.81	\$402,639.12	\$790,938.04	\$1,094,264.62	\$1,224,511.72	\$2,866,285.01	\$3,006,162.15	\$1,803,209.83	\$2,119,375.84	\$1,143,804.44
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	20	17	19	30	30	50	31	23	27	21
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$11,094.09	\$23,684.65	\$41,628.32	\$36,475.49	\$40,817.06	\$57,325.70	\$96,972.97	\$78,400.43	\$78,495.40	\$54,466.88
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,382,319.95	\$7,454,065.58	\$15,186,597.90	\$22,782,610.65	\$27,566,292.49	\$35,813,784.83	\$37,147,230.09	\$37,625,171.68	\$36,561,558.53	\$36,893,607.70
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	166	666	1,056	1,230	1,454	1,775	1,924	2,058	2,073	2,115
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$8,327.23	\$11,192.29	\$14,381.25	\$18,522.45	\$18,958.94	\$20,176.78	\$19,307.29	\$18,282.40	\$17,637.03	\$17,443.79

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Table 7 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type (Continued)										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Vocational Rehabilitation										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$867,791.91	\$973,801.43	\$2,071,963.97	\$2,398,017.29	\$3,046,576.37	\$2,986,650.48	\$3,925,379.07	\$3,503,427.64	\$3,075,645.04	\$2,971,169.83
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	169	342	507	679	733	674	741	705	699	706
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$5,134.86	\$2,847.37	\$4,086.71	\$3,531.69	\$4,156.31	\$4,431.23	\$5,297.41	\$4,969.40	\$4,400.06	\$4,208.46
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$2,538,614.78	\$5,805,113.34	\$7,724,401.93	\$8,996,918.02	\$9,192,110.02	\$9,376,630.37	\$8,758,096.94	\$7,173,336.45	\$4,494,904.02	\$3,667,406.58
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	1,626	2,316	2,708	2,351	1,665	1,964	3,490	3,860	3,579	3,948
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,561.26	\$2,506.53	\$2,852.44	\$3,826.85	\$5,520.79	\$4,774.25	\$2,509.48	\$1,858.38	\$1,255.91	\$928.93

Table 8 — Payments Reported by Injury										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$892,519.95	\$1,541,734.24	\$1,937,262.09	\$1,648,015.11	\$1,898,195.54	\$1,883,186.96	\$1,865,312.56	\$2,006,023.43	\$1,889,602.71	\$1,774,962.69
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$18.37	\$32.27	\$37.55	\$31.50	\$35.24	\$32.36	\$29.54	\$29.84	\$28.20	\$26.36
Temporary Total										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$11,694,507.33	\$18,475,021.98	\$23,121,430.29	\$25,098,711.71	\$28,364,048.44	\$32,089,223.02	\$36,513,528.18	\$33,032,216.89	\$29,561,010.71	\$26,462,430.68
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$240.66	\$386.64	\$448.17	\$479.71	\$526.58	\$551.46	\$578.34	\$491.39	\$441.14	\$392.94
Permanent Partial Scheduled										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,358,386.11	\$11,102,003.05	\$15,633,895.93	\$17,061,774.56	\$17,120,831.80	\$17,812,362.84	\$18,636,039.12	\$18,186,483.61	\$17,115,576.57	\$14,526,793.44
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$69.11	\$232.34	\$303.04	\$326.10	\$317.85	\$306.11	\$295.18	\$270.54	\$255.42	\$215.71
Permanent Partial Unscheduled										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$441,932.81	\$2,037,669.20	\$3,167,699.29	\$4,690,878.32	\$6,703,739.02	\$7,819,854.19	\$7,908,550.37	\$15,254,656.58	\$7,382,848.14	\$6,320,627.18
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$9.09	\$42.64	\$61.40	\$89.66	\$124.45	\$134.38	\$125.26	\$226.93	\$110.18	\$93.85
Permanent Total										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$43,458.88	\$70,514.50	\$168,074.38	\$473,814.68	\$750,293.36	\$1,050,641.20	\$755,709.86	\$1,760,340.67	\$1,233,452.52	\$1,511,160.37
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$0.89	\$1.48	\$3.26	\$9.06	\$13.93	\$18.06	\$11.97	\$26.19	\$18.41	\$22.44

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Table 8 — Payments Reported by Injury (Continued)										
	Year of Injury									
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Medical										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$72,828,996.80	\$111,474,790.33	\$119,889,160.92	\$131,135,197.24	\$130,191,975.20	\$128,292,785.10	\$118,250,104.40	\$115,257,984.61	\$98,621,566.88	\$89,039,106.21
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,498.75	\$2,332.94	\$2,323.84	\$2,506.36	\$2,417.01	\$2,204.72	\$1,872.97	\$1,714.59	\$1,471.74	\$1,322.13
Death										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$221,881.81	\$402,639.12	\$790,938.04	\$1,094,264.62	\$1,224,511.72	\$2,866,285.01	\$3,006,162.15	\$1,803,209.83	\$2,119,375.84	\$1,143,804.44
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$4.57	\$8.43	\$15.33	\$20.91	\$22.73	\$49.26	\$47.61	\$26.82	\$31.63	\$16.98
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,382,319.95	\$7,454,065.58	\$15,186,597.90	\$22,782,610.65	\$27,566,292.49	\$35,813,784.83	\$37,147,230.09	\$37,625,171.68	\$36,561,558.53	\$36,893,607.70
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$28.45	\$156.00	\$294.37	\$435.44	\$511.77	\$615.46	\$588.38	\$559.72	\$545.61	\$547.83
Vocational Rehabilitation										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$867,791.91	\$973,801.43	\$2,071,963.97	\$2,398,017.29	\$3,046,576.37	\$2,986,650.48	\$3,925,379.07	\$3,503,427.64	\$3,075,645.04	\$2,971,169.83
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$17.86	\$20.38	\$40.16	\$45.83	\$56.56	\$51.33	\$62.17	\$52.12	\$45.90	\$44.12
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$2,538,614.78	\$5,805,113.34	\$7,724,401.93	\$8,996,918.02	\$9,192,110.02	\$9,376,630.37	\$8,758,096.94	\$7,173,336.45	\$4,494,904.02	\$3,667,406.58
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$52.24	\$121.49	\$149.72	\$171.96	\$170.65	\$161.14	\$138.72	\$106.71	\$67.08	\$54.46
Total										
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$94,270,410.33	\$159,337,352.77	\$189,691,424.74	\$215,380,202.20	\$226,058,573.98	\$239,991,403.96	\$236,766,112.70	\$235,602,851.39	\$202,055,540.96	\$184,311,069.12
Total Injuries Reported	48,593	47,783	51,591	52,321	53,865	58,190	63,135	67,222	67,010	67,345
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,940.00	\$3,334.60	\$3,676.83	\$4,116.52	\$4,196.76	\$4,124.27	\$3,750.16	\$3,504.85	\$3,015.30	\$2,736.82